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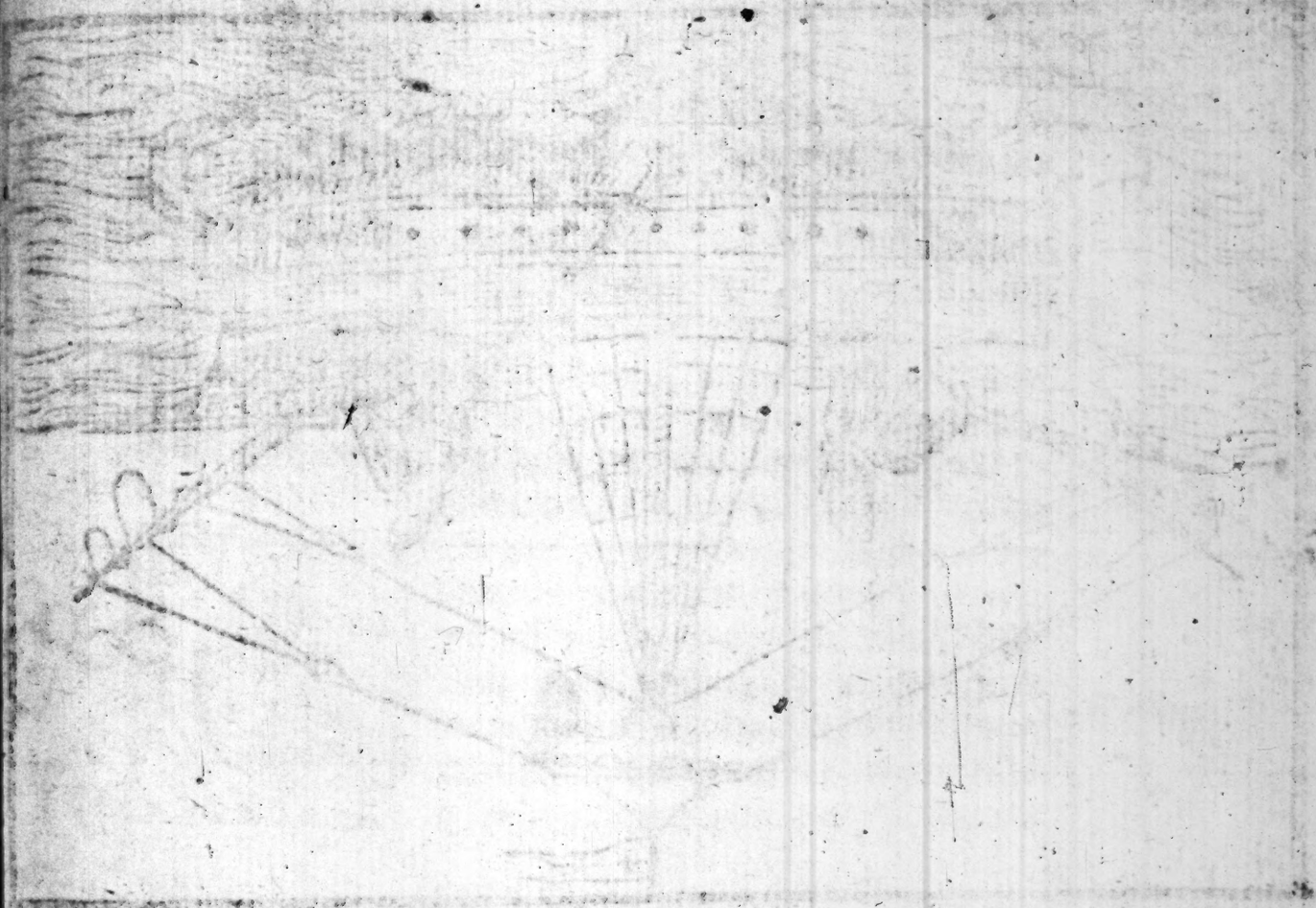

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GOod Reader, I haue here set downe vnto thy view, and for thy example to amendment, the great hurt and losses that hath beene both at Sea and Land, but especially the wonderfull preseruation of one Maister Edmond *Pet* Sayler, and Maister of a ship, and part owner, who was comming from New Castle with his Ship lading, and with diuers others in the ship, both passengers, and his owne seruants: griefe to tell, as it is well knowne, and too well, if it had bene Gods will to the contrarie, the wind being ruffe and furious, caused the Seas to be outragious and boysterous, and the waues thereof to be so great, and to arise so hie, that many times they were readie to ouerwhelme the ship, yet by Gods prouidence & the great care of this Maister Pet being Maister, and sore labour and earnest

prayer vnto the Lord, night and day of those in the ship, they were preserued vntill they came within the kenning of Land, both of Yarmouth and Harwich, and other townes, but still the wind did growe more strong, and the waues greater, and euery one ouertyred with sore labour, as some at the pumpe, and some otherwaies, not one hauing leasure or stomacke almost either to eat or drinke, so that then they did wholy relie vpon Gods mercy, ceasing from their labours, and then did this Maister Pet make a godly speech: saying vnto the rest, Let vs all kneele downe with earnest prayer, and euen with the knees of our hearts, desire God for his deare sonne Iesus Christ his sake, to deliuer vs from this great danger, crying all with loud and wofull voyces, O Lord preserue vs now, that we may liue and honour thee in praysing thy name with Psalmes of thankesgiuing, as thou didst preserue Ionas three daies in the maine Seas, and in the belly of a mightie deuouring Whale, and chast Sysanna from the wicked Elders, who would haue dishonoured God in their lust, and brought to destruction that godly woman and chast wife. Likewise O Lord, thou didst preserue thy seruant Daniel from the greedie pawes of the cruell and rauenous Lyons, being of purpose kept hungry in their dennes. O good Lord thou didst make the blind to see, the halt and lame to goe, and the dead to arise and walke, so good Lord if it be thy blessed will, thou canst now deliuer vs, euen now when all mans helpe is past. And now in this space while Maister Pet was vsing these speeches, and earnest prayer to God, the ship began to sinke deeper and deeper into the Sea, whereupon euery one began to shift for himselfe in laying hold some vpon one thing, and some vpon another. As they were standing vpon the hatches still called on God, but seeing there was no way to saue themselues, then with great shrikes and loud cries they were al drowned: Nay more, not one liuing thing in the ship saued. And Maister Edmond Pet, after he had

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bene vnder water, by Gods helpe take hold of the maine Maſt, and got out his knife and cut certaine cords or lines and made ſhift to get vp to the top of the Maſt, and there tied himſelfe, for feare leaſt by the ſtrength of the winde & rain, he ſhould be blowne off into the Sea. All which this man in miſerie did ſee, and himſelfe loking euery minute of an houre to taſte of the ſame cup the reſt had done: for now halfe the maine Maſt whereon he ſate was couered with water, this being about ſeuen of the clocke in the morning. Thus ſat this grieued man all that day and all night, ſeeing nothing but water readie to ſwallow him vp: yet vpon the next day, betweene the houres of ſeuen and eight of the cloche, to his great comfort, he deſcried a ſhip comming towards him, he being beaten ſo ſore with winde and weather, that he could hardly ſpeake, for his body was ſwelled as bigge as two bodies, and likewiſe his legges did grow to ſuch a bignes, that they were more like to the waiſte or middle of a man, then the legge of a man, yet when this ſhip came neare vnto him, he cryed and called as well as he could, that they would ſaue him, and take him into their ſhip. One or two of them anſwered very haſtily, we are ſorie, we are ſorie, but we cannot ſtay. O moſt vnkind men, and inhumane, that euer man ſhould haue cauſe to ſay, that euer any Chriſtian ſhould be ſo hard-harted to leaue a man in that diſtreſſe. But when he ſaw them ſaile away, Oh it was more then halfe a killing to his poore heart. Well when he had ſet on this maine Maſt vntill the next morning, which was 48. houres, there came towards him by Gods appoyntment a man of warre, being a Hollander, who did ſhew him kindnes and mercy, for he did ſend his ſhip-boats for him, and brought him to his ſhip, and did ſeeke to comfort him in what he could, like the good Samaritane, but this Maiſter Per was ſo weather-beaten, and ſo ſwelled, that he could neither eate nor drinke: yet this man of warre would and did what he could for him, for ſeeing he could not

not comfort him with any thing he had in his ship, he sayled into a towne in Suffolke, called Harwich, and there set him on shore, not leauing him vntill he had brought him to some of his old acquaintance, who did not knowe him: nay more, his owne wife did not knowe him, when he was brought home to London, by reason he was swelled of such bignes, and so changed with sitting, as I tolde you before 48. houres in the winde & raine. And see and heare and giue God praise, yet more of Gods wonderfull kindnes in deliuering this Maister Pet once before, who comming from a farre voyage in a Ship of Marchandise, by misfortune the Ship was split, the Ship and all the goods lost, and to the number of eighténe persons drowned. And this man left aliue to tell vnto the world what God had done for him, that all that heare it might praise the Lord: and praised be the name of the Lord, he is now well and in perfect health. And as I said before, dwelling in Séething Lane in London. Wel now leauing this sad storie of Maister Pet, with griefe I must tell you, of others harmes and losses: First there was to the great terror and griefe of many the beholders, fiue score dead men taken vp, vpon Yarmouth shore, the losses of Boates and Lyters, and men lately vpon the Thames, is too well knowne, if it had béene Gods will to haue bene otherwaies, for many haue séene dead men swimming too and fro betwéene Graues End and London, being carried by the Tyde, and still hats or cloakes, and staues, and diuers other things of Passengers haue séene bene vpō ỹ Thames swimming too and fro, & a great Barge being laden with fagots and billets, and other timber to make cart wheeles, was cast away néere London bridge, being in a storme of winde, and all her lading swimming vp and downe the Thames. Likewise neare the coast of Douer & Sandwich, and so to Wayborne Hoope in Norfolke, was much hurt done, with the losse of many mens liues. Likewise all the vpper parts of a windmill in Bedfordshire was blowne

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away, but God be praised none kild. Neare Sharnbrook, a traueller of London that came downe to see his friends, was by the strength of the winde blowne off from a bridge, but by others was taken vp aliue and saued. Two men and their horses in Glostershire were blowne from a bridge, & both horse and men drowned. A man neere Bedford being thatching a house, was blowne off & kild: trees blowne vp by the rootes, other reft and torne, houses and chimnies quite blowne downe, falling vpon cattell & kild them, to the great losse and hurt of many men. And diuers other strange matters I could speake of, all which is for our sinnes. God grant we may take warning to amend our liues by these dangers & losses, or else we must needs looke for farther punishment. For as God is mercifull, so he is Iust, and will punish vs if we will not be warned by these examples. God grant for his Sonne Iesus Christs sake, we may all be warned to amend our liues. Amen.

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